

engaging a spacer and a screw with a recess of a holder in a rotationally fixed position with respect to the holder, wherein the spacer is engaged in a spacer engaging portion of the [holder] recess and the screw is engaged in a screw engaging portion of the [holder] recess;

inserting the screw in a threaded receiving passage of the implant such that threads on the screw engage threads of the receiving passage;

applying a rotational motion to the holder, thereby rotating the rotationally fixed spacer and screw and screwing the screw into the receiving passage of the implant;

establishing cooperation between a bearing surface of the spacer and a top surface of the implant at a predetermined position of screwing; and

separating the holder from the spacer and the screw.

34. An arrangement operable to secure a spacer to an implant integrated in bone, the arrangement comprising:

a holder operable to engage a spacer and a screw, the holder comprising

a grip portion, and

a recess comprising a spacer engaging portion and a screw engaging portion,

[comprising a] the spacer engaging portion operable to engage at least a portion of the

spacer, [the spacer comprising a tightening and locking surface, a bearing surface

operable to cooperate with a top surface of the implant and a screw receiving passage, a]

the screw engaging portion operable to engage at least a portion of a head of the screw;

[screw, the screw comprising a threaded portion and a head portion operable to cooperate with the tightening and locking surface of the spacer, and]

[wherein the holder is operable to support the screw in a position passing through the

screw receiving passage of the spacer with the bearing surface of the spacer protruding beyond the holder and the threaded portion of the screw protruding beyond the bearing surface of the spacer,] wherein the holder supports the screw and the spacer in a rotationally fixed position [such that the spacer and the screw can be applied to the implant in a position of cooperation between the threaded portion of the screw and a threaded portion of the implant] and

[wherein applying a rotational force to the holder permits the threaded portion of the screw to be screwed into the threaded portion of the implant and] wherein the holder is separable from the spacer and the screw by means of a separating movement [to expose the screw for possible further tightening].

53. An arrangement, comprising:

a spacer;

a tightening screw for an implant integrated in bone; and

a holder comprising a recess including a spacer engaging portion and a screw engaging portion operable to retain the spacer and the screw for facilitating application of the spacer and screw to the implant, wherein the holder supports the spacer and the screw in a rotationally fixed manner, wherein a bearing surface of the spacer operable to bear against a top surface of the implant protrudes beyond the holder, and wherein the screw extends through the spacer and protrudes beyond the bearing surface [via its threaded part].

56. The arrangement according to claim 53, wherein the rotationally fixed attachment is also effected by a snap-in function and [in that, for example,] wherein the spacer is designed with nibs and/or indents for the said snap-in function.

59. A method for using a holder for securing a spacer with a screw in an implant, the method comprising:

supporting in a recess of the holder the spacer and the screw in a coupled state in a rotationally fixed manner in an elongate element of the holder; and

arranging a bearing surface of the spacer against a corresponding bearing surface of the implant protruding beyond the holder, and the threaded part of the screw protruding beyond the bearing surface.

Clean copy of amended claims:

25. A method for securing a spacer to an implant integrated in bone, the method comprising:

engaging a spacer and a screw with a recess of a holder in a rotationally fixed position with respect to the holder, wherein the spacer is engaged in a spacer engaging portion of the recess and the screw is engaged in a screw engaging portion of the recess;

inserting the screw in a threaded receiving passage of the implant such that threads on the screw engage threads of the receiving passage;

applying a rotational motion to the holder, thereby rotating the rotationally fixed spacer and screw and screwing the screw into the receiving passage of the implant;

establishing cooperation between a bearing surface of the spacer and a top surface of the implant at a predetermined position of screwing; and

separating the holder from the spacer and the screw.

C2 34. An arrangement operable to secure a spacer to an implant integrated in bone, the arrangement comprising:

a holder operable to engage a spacer and a screw, the holder comprising

a grip portion, and

a recess comprising a spacer engaging portion and a screw engaging portion, the spacer engaging portion operable to engage at least a portion of the spacer, the screw engaging portion operable to engage at least a portion of a head of the screw;

wherein the holder supports the screw and the spacer in a rotationally fixed position and

wherein the holder is separable from the spacer and the screw by means of a separating movement.

53. An arrangement, comprising:

a spacer;

a tightening screw for an implant integrated in bone; and

C3 a holder comprising a recess including a spacer engaging portion and a screw engaging portion operable to retain the spacer and the screw for facilitating application of the spacer and screw to the implant, wherein the holder supports the spacer and the screw in a rotationally fixed manner, wherein a bearing surface of the spacer operable to bear against a top surface of the implant protrudes beyond the holder, and wherein the screw extends through the spacer and protrudes beyond the bearing surface.

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Cand also effected by a snap-in function and wherein the spacer is designed with nibs and/or indents for the said snap-in function.

59. A method for using a holder for securing a spacer with a screw in an implant, the method comprising:

supporting in a recess of the holder the spacer and the screw in a coupled state in a rotationally fixed manner in an elongate element of the holder; and

C5 arranging a bearing surface of the spacer against a corresponding bearing surface of the implant protruding beyond the holder, and the threaded part of the screw protruding beyond the bearing surface.

Please enter the following new claim:

C6 62. The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the spacer comprises a tightening and locking surface, a bearing surface operable to cooperate with a top surface of the implant and a screw receiving passage, and the screw comprises a threaded portion and a head portion operable to cooperate with the tightening and locking surface of the spacer, wherein the holder is operable to support the screw in a position passing through the screw receiving passage of the spacer with the bearing surface of the spacer protruding beyond the holder and the threaded portion of the screw protruding beyond the bearing surface of the spacer, wherein the holder supports the screw and the spacer such that the spacer and the screw can be applied to the implant in a position of cooperation between the threaded portion of the screw and a threaded portion of the implant, wherein applying a rotational force to the holder permits the threaded